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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Examiner: *Patricia L. Jones*
HARRY W. EBERLE, III : HARRY C. KIM
Serial No. 08/811,898 : Group Art Unit: 3509
Filing Date: March 5, 1997 : Attorney Docket Number:
For: ANCHORING BISCUIT DEVICE : HWE-103A
FOR JOINING TWO ADJACENT
BOARDS :
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is being filed in response to the Office Action of November 18, 1997 in the above application. Please amend the case as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Cancel claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 21 and 22 and insert the following new claims 23 through 27:~~

--23. An anchoring biscuit device for joining three boards, which comprises:

(a) a first substantially flat horizontal top element having a generally biscuit-shaped top view configuration, said top element having an imaginary center line;

(b) at least one substantially vertical support member attached to the underside of said top element along said

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